



PERTH & KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

1 JULY 2016

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC PARTNERS

Report by Chief Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report provides a final update on the appointment of stakeholder representatives still to be made to the Board. It recommends named individuals for the Service User Public Partners (main and substitute) and the initial term of appointment.

1. PROGRESS UPDATE

- 1.1 At the last meeting, the Board was advised that the recruitment process for the appointment of Service Users as Public Partners to the Integration Joint Board was in progress.
- 1.2 Nine applications were received in response to a wide call for expressions of interest. Following a two-stage recruitment process that involved firstly, interviews with the Vice Chair of the Board and co-chair of the Engagement Steering Group, and secondly, an election where service users voted on their representative, two individuals have been selected. Ann Gourlay is proposed as the main appointment and Sue Cole as the substitute appointment.
- 1.3 Work is continuing to establish a Forum to support Public Partners in their Board roles and to enable sustainable strategic engagement with a growing number of people who use services. Those involved in the elections will form the beginnings of a Forum.
- 1.4 Service users involved in the elections have recommended a term of 12 months for this initial appointment, in acknowledgement of the freshness of these roles for all involved and the opportunity over the next 12 months, to develop the Forum and extend its membership, allowing reach into all localities. As with Carer Public Partners, there would also be a natural review point after the first 6 months to ensure Public Partners were comfortable with their roles and able to fulfil the commitments.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:
 - Approves Ann Gourlay as the main Public Partner and Sue Cole as the substitute Public Partner for service users.
 - Approves the initial term of appointment as being 12 months.